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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: SECURITY ALTERATIONS

REF: STATE 071038

1. ORIGINAL ESTIMATE OF COSTS FOR SECURITY ALTERATIONS, ON WHICH REQUEST CONTAINED TEL AVIV 4049 (SUPPLEMENTED BY JERUSALEM 941) WAS BASED, WAS OUT-DATED AS RESULT SEVERE INFLATION BY TIME FUNDS AUTHORIZED IN STATE 233828 OF NOV 28, 1973. REVISED ESTIMATES FOR INDIVIDUAL ITEMS WERE SOUGHT BUT DISRUPTIVE EFFECTS OF OCTOBER WAR AND MOBILIZATION OF ISRAELI RESERVES, PLUS CONTINUING INFLATION, HAS MADE PROCUREMENT OF PRECISE NEW ESTIMATES DIFFICULT. EFFORTS TO OBTAIN EXACT PROJECT COST FIGURES HAVE CONTINUED, BUT WE HOPE DEPT WILL UNDERSTAND UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES THAT HAVE COMPLICATED AND DELAYED ADHERENCE TO WHAT IS NORMALLY ROUTINE PROCEDURE.

2. IN RESPONSE TO STATE 233828 (AND STATE 26026, FEB.8), REVISED ESTIMATE FOR ELECTRICAL HARDWARE WAS OBTAINED BY EMBASSY TEL AVIV IN FEBRUARY AND REFLECTED AVERAGE 35 PERCENT INCREASE ACROSS BOARD ON LOCALLY PROCURED ITEMS (JERUSALEM 270). REVISED ESTIMATES FOR CONSOLE, PLATFORM AND GRILLS FINALLY OBTAINED LATE MARCH. SINCE REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS HAD ALREADY BEEN SUBMITTED (JERUSALEM 270) WE WERE WAITING FOR APPROVAL THESE FUNDS TO COVER FULL COST OF CONSOLE, PLATFORM, GRILLS AND ELECTRICAL HARDWARE BEFORE COMMITTING OURSELVES TO PURCHASE AND ASSUMED DEPARTMENT REQUIRED NO FURTHER REQUEST FROM US.

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3. ON BASIS NEWLY REVISED ESTIMATES, P.O.S CAN NOW BE PREPARED
ON FOLLOWING ITEMS PROVIDED WE RECEIVE FUNDS TO COVER INCREASED
COST SHOWN BELOW:

A. CONSOLE AND PLATFORM - \$1,800

B. GRILLS - \$2,400

C. ELECTRICAL HARDWARE

NOTE: CONGEN ASKED EMBASSY TEL AVIV TO BUY THESE ITEMS
IN DECEMBER BUT, DUE TO INCREASED PRICES, EMBASSY COULD
NOT DO SO AT THAT TIME WITHIN FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR THIS
SPECIFIC ITEM. AS STATED PARA 2, EMBASSY OBTAINED NEW
ESTIMATE IN FEBRUARY. SINCE THIS IS PRIMARY ITEM AND CON-
SIDERING INFLATIONARY SPIRAL, EMBASSY IS INITIATING
ACTION TO PROCURE ELECTRICAL HARDWARE USING PART FUNDS
ORIGINALLY REQUESTED FOR OTHER ITEMS AND MADE AVAILABLE
IN STATE 233828.

ESTIMATED COST - -\$3,100

D. INSTALLATION OF ITEM C. ESTIMATED COST: - \$2,400

E. AUTOMATIC ELECTRIC GATES HAVE BEEN ORDERED AND SHIPPED
SHIPPED ON BASIS EMBASSY TEL AVIV P.O. NO. 3438-425-
921-99 (JERUSALEM 270).

ESTIMATED COST INCLUDES EXPORT PACKING AND OCEAN FREIGHT:
\$2,000

F. INSTALLATION OF ITEM E. ESTIMATED AT: - \$2,000

FYI - ELECTRICIANS WILL ONLY GIVE ROUGH ESTIMATES ON
INSTALLATION CHARGES (ITEMS D AND F). THEY WILL SUBMIT
MORE ACCURATE ESTIMATES ONLY WHEN THEY CAN PHYSICALLY
SEE ITEMS TO BE INSTALLED.

4. FUNDS ARE NOW OBLIGATED FOR AUTOMATIC ELECTRIC GATES
(\$2,200) AND ELECTRICAL HARDWARE (\$3,100). TOTAL ITEMS
C AND E: \$5,300

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5. NEW TOTAL FOR REMAINING ITEMS (A, B, D, AND F): \$8,600
UNOBLIGATED FUNDS ON HAND: \$5,630
SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS NOW REQUIRED: \$2,970

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